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## Consecration.

Take me, O my Father take me!  
Take me, save me through Thy Son,  
That which Thou wouldst have me, make me  
Let Thy will be done.

Long from Thee my footsteps straying,  
Thorny proved the way I trod;  
Weary come I now, and praying—  
Take me to Thy love, my God.  
—RAY PALMER.

## From our Spice Mill.

Prayer is the key that unlocks  
the door of God's treasures, and  
faith is the hand which convey-  
eth them to our souls.

David prayed in Psalm 25: 2,  
"Let me not be ashamed," and  
then, as though a blush had flush-  
ed upon his cheek for his nar-  
rowness in this position, he mod-  
ifies by praying, "Yea, let none  
that wait on thee be ashamed."  
Let us remember the command,  
"Pray for one another."

Man's sensibilities have be-  
come so blunted by sin that it is  
necessary for him to learn dili-  
gence from the ant, discretion  
from the conies, obedience from  
the locusts, and faith from the  
spider. Prov. 30: 25-28.

"What shall the harvest be?"

It will not be unseen by us in  
this life; we are not left to grope  
our way in the dark and not  
know whether life has been a  
success till the great examination  
day that awaits the school of  
Christ. "He that sows receiveth  
wages and gathereth fruit unto  
eternal life." John 4: 36. We  
shall reap just what we sow only  
much more. Think of this my  
fellow minister! think of this my  
sister, my brother! If by word  
or deed you are the means of  
leading a soul to Christ, that  
soul another, and so on the work  
goes—souls saved in time to live  
in eternity—fruit gathered unto  
eternal life—when we shall come  
rejoicing bringing our sheaves.

A Christian becomes a look-  
ing glass for his fellow associates;  
when I think of this how mo-  
mentous does my life become!  
Each day is fraught with a great-  
er degree of seriousness. Let us  
learn of Christ. "Some measur-  
ing themselves by themselves and  
comparing themselves among  
themselves are unwise." 2 Cor.  
10: 12. The world will do this  
but let us keep an eye upon Christ  
that we may be His epistles and  
not epistles of men's ideals.

As a dead man cannot inherit  
an estate, no more can a dead  
soul inherit the kingdom of God,  
and every soul is dead that has  
not been regenerated by the  
Holy Spirit. My words, they  
are spirit and they are life. John  
6: 63. "He became the author  
of salvation to all them that obey  
Him." Heb. 5: 9. Has the arm of  
the Lord been shortened that he  
cannot save? No; we emphat-  
ically say, "The Gospel to-day is  
the power of God unto salva-  
tion;" the Sun of Righteousness  
is shining and will shine out  
more and more its life-giving  
light until the perfect day. The  
primitive cause: "Ye will not  
come to me that ye might have  
life," (John 5: 40,) accounts for  
sin in all its ghastliness as seen on  
every hand.

Preach a crucified Savior in a  
crucified style; get to Jesus in  
every sermon if you are under  
the necessity of albowing back

the philosophers, pharisees, sad-  
ducees, and idle spectators in gen-  
eral. A minister must lead his  
people; hence, he must see Je-  
sus; for if the blind lead the  
blind both shall fall into the  
ditch. He should preach occa-  
sionally from the text, "Then  
were the disciples glad when  
they saw the Lord." John 20:  
20.

Let some beautiful song be ser-  
monized and sing it in the soul  
to tune it for worship. I am like  
the musician, I find more trouble  
to keep my soul in tune than to  
send forth the preludes of heav-  
enly music after once in a proper  
frame of soul for the work. It is  
said of Rowland Hill, that noted  
servant of Christ, he always be-  
fore prayer, hummed in his soul  
that good old hymn:

"A country I have found where true  
joys abound,  
To dwell I am determined on this hap-  
py ground."

If your congregation grows  
cold, warm them up by putting  
them to work; let them work to  
keep warm. R. F. MALLOTT.

## New Orleans Exposition.

FEB. 26.—The Exposition is a  
fine display of agricultural, min-  
eral and mechanical products.  
All the principal nations are rep-  
resented. This exposition like  
all others, partakes largely of  
the country in which it is locat-  
ed, and of the countries most  
contiguous, or having easy ac-  
cess thereto.

Mexico, Florida, and Louisi-  
ana make large and handsome  
displays of southern fruits. All  
the Southern States have shown  
a commendable zeal in making  
a fine showing of their products.  
The Western States are deter-  
mined not to be outdone, but  
step to the front like so many  
young giants. Kansas, Nebras-  
ka, and the Territory of Dakota  
seem to have vied with each  
other in their cereal displays.

The railroad display of the  
natural resources of the Great  
West, is a prominent feature in  
the Exposition.

The growth of our manufac-  
turing interest is very apparent.  
Right here in New Orleans are  
two cotton factories whose goods  
compare favorably with those of  
the East.

The Fine Art and the colored  
department were opened on the  
23rd. The Mexican building  
will be completed in a few days  
and then the exhibition will be  
about complete.

The attendance has been large  
since about the tenth inst. But  
rain, fog, and mud, with a cold,  
damp atmosphere, has been a  
source of much annoyance to  
Northern pleasure-seekers. It  
is claimed here that this has  
been a much worse season than  
usual and that the rainy season  
is now over and that now is just  
the time to visit the Exposition  
for real enjoyment.

Boarding costs about the same  
here that it does in New York  
or Philadelphia. The Visitor's  
Bureau will find you board at  
from \$1.00 up to 5.00 per day.  
The first is said to be very scant.

C. A. COLBA.

## The Religious World.

The centennial of the First  
Presbyterian church, of New-  
burgh, N. Y., was celebrated  
Nov. 13, 1884.

A remarkable revival in Green-  
wich, Ohio, has resulted in over  
two hundred conversions. The  
meetings were union, and took  
in the Friends, the Methodists,  
and the Congregationalists.

The Rev. Samuel C. Damon,  
D. D., for more than forty years  
Chaplain of the American Sea-  
men's Friend Society at Hono-  
lulu, Sandwich Islands, and pas-  
tor of the Bethel church, died at  
that place on Saturday, Febru-  
ary 7th.

The Dutch Reformed Church  
is claimed to be the wealthiest  
church in the United States in  
proportion to membership, yet  
gives less per member to mis-  
sions than any other great Prot-  
estant body. The Moravians  
who give the most are among the  
poorest.

A protracted meeting at Gal-  
lipolis, O., which continued in the  
M. E. church for ten weeks, re-  
sulted in the public consecration  
of six hundred and nine. Of  
these about one hundred appeal  
for the organization of a Chris-  
tian Church, and have already  
raised about \$1,400.

The Associate Reformed Syn-  
od of the South reports the fol-  
lowing statistics: Total number  
of members, 6,727; total amount  
of salaries paid, \$39,909.16; to-  
tal amount of contributions, in-  
cluding seminary endowment,  
\$64,851.76; contributions per  
capita, \$9.50.

In the city of Damascus, which  
contains a population of 200,000,  
a missionary reports "that in  
many of the Mohamedan houses  
groups of men are gathered to  
read and study the Bible, and  
while engaged in discussion, the  
inmates of the harem had gath-  
ered about the windows and lis-  
tened, and seemed much interest-  
ed."

It was reported last week, that  
copies of the Revised Old Testa-  
ment had been put on the mar-  
ket in this country and in Eng-  
land simultaneously. Ministers  
and others called at the leading  
bookstores in New York, but  
were told that none but the old-  
fashioned Old Testaments were  
on hand. At the American Tract  
Society's office, it was said that  
copies of the revised edition  
might arrive from England any  
day, but were not expected be-  
fore April 1.

The success of German Prot-  
estant work in Palestine has  
aroused the Catholics; and these  
are now putting forth systematic  
efforts in this direction. A Ger-  
man Catholic Palestine society  
has been organized for work in  
the interest of this Catholic  
Church in the Holy Land. A  
hospice is to be erected in Jeru-  
salem, in connection with a  
church, school and hospital. The  
object is to missionize among the  
natives. One of the largest  
buildings in Jerusalem and a  
piece of land on the way to Em-  
mans have been purchased by the  
society.

A certain Rabbinoiez, origi-  
nally a Jewish lawyer of St.  
Petersburg and a promoter of  
Jewish emigration to Palestine,  
has started a new movement in  
Russia for the conversion of his  
co-religionists to a modified form  
of Christianity. The Russian  
Government views this forma-  
tion of Jewish Christian commu-  
nities with pleasure, and the  
celebrated Hebraic scholar, Del-  
itzsch, has also pronounced in its  
favor.

The Congregational church of  
the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, Mass.,  
is claimed to be identical, in all  
respects, with the church of  
Serooby, England, which was  
founded as early as 1602, and is  
by this claim the first and oldest  
church in the United States.  
The total estimate number of  
members of this church from its  
organization is 2,122. The  
present membership is 360, which  
is larger than at any period of  
its history.

The Ministerial Association of  
Portland and East Portland, Ore-  
gon, are becoming practical on  
the divorce question:

Resolved, That we, as an asso-  
ciation of ministers, do hereby  
agree that we will refuse to  
marry any persons who have  
been divorced for other than  
Scriptural reasons, and also the  
guilty party in a rightful case.

Resolved, That we publish this  
as our resolution and attitude on  
this question.

Nearly all the Esquimaux of  
Greenland are adherents of the  
Lutheran faith, having been  
converted through the mission-  
ary enterprise of the Danish  
church. They have neat little  
churches, where they hold re-  
ligious services every Sunday.  
To all appearances they are a  
happy and contented people.  
The Moravians also have been  
missionizing in this little sea-  
bound world for about a hun-  
dred and fifty years, and have  
recently lost their leading mis-  
sionary there, Paster Broadbeck,  
who has labored very success-  
fully on the eastern coast of the Is-  
land. From Greenland the Mor-  
avians are also trying to extend  
their labors to Alaska.

Over 50,000,000 Russian peas-  
ants, assembled in all the churches  
of the empire, to offer  
thanksgiving to God for their  
liberation from serfdom. On  
March 3, or Feb. 19 O. S., 1861,  
the late Czar, in his famous  
ukase, used these words; "Cross  
yourselves, orthodox people, and  
ask God's blessing for a new  
life." And on that day a new  
era was inaugurated in Russia.  
Chattels became freemen. On  
the anniversary of this day the  
freed serfs of Russia voluntarily  
abstain from work and dedicate  
the day to thanksgiving and  
prayers. In the last year of his  
reign the Czar liberator ordered,  
and the Holy Synod sanctioned  
the decree, that henceforth the  
19th day of February (March 3)  
should be observed throughout  
Russia as a legal and Church  
holiday. In Russia they have  
about two score church holidays,  
and about a dozen Czar's holi-  
days, but this is the only holiday  
of the peasants.

March 2nd. was the seventy-  
fifth anniversary of the birth of  
Pope Leo XIII. The Pope in re-  
plying to the congratulations of  
the College of Cardinals, ex-  
pressed deep regret for the pres-  
ent position of Papacy, which,  
he said was in the hands of the  
despoiler; neither he nor his suc-  
cessors could ever accept this  
state of affairs.

The Presbyterian calls attention  
to a way of paying a pastor,  
which is in use in the Presbyte-  
rian Church in Palmyra, Mis-  
souri: "On the first day of each  
month the pastor draws his  
check upon the bank for his  
monthly salary in advance; and  
the banker always honors the  
check, and charges it up to the  
deacons, who are personally re-  
sponsible for the salary, so that  
no delay or default in payment of  
the subscriptions can affect the  
pastor.

The reign of anarchy in Zulu-  
land has made sad havoc with  
the mission work in that unhappy  
land. Revolution has followed  
upon revolution, until now a  
sort of republic has been estab-  
lished that has some promise of  
a permanent existence. The  
Hermansburg Society has been  
laboring for decades with con-  
siderable success among these  
gifted people, and the unsettled  
state of affairs was used by the  
enemies of the mission-work to  
destroy the harvest of years. Not  
only was missionary Schroeder  
most cruelly murdered, but  
eleven stations were burned and  
destroyed, while the missionaries  
and the converts were compelled  
to flee. Many of the native  
Christians were also murdered.  
The exiled missionaries are wait-  
ing for a favorable opportunity  
to return to their posts of duty.

## Two Church-Goers.

(1.) The man who came late.  
He had no time to ask a blessing  
on the service for himself or his  
neighbors. He missed the open-  
ing exercises. He disturbed oth-  
ers who had come in time. He  
disturbed the minister. He  
showed pretty plainly that he  
did not consider as much respect  
due to God's house as to his own  
place of business. He set a bad  
example as to others. He missed  
a blessing for himself.

(2.) The man who came early.  
He had time to take his seat  
quietly and get comfortably  
warm or cool as the case might  
be. He had time for a quiet and  
refreshing season of prayer be-  
fore the service began. He dis-  
turbed nobody. He showed due  
respect for the time and place,  
and for Him who has promised  
always to meet those gathered in  
His name. He was able to join  
in the whole service, and to be  
in time for it. He set a good  
example to others. He won a  
blessing for himself.—Ex.

Men do things which their  
fathers would have deprecated,  
and then draw about themselves  
a flimsy cordon of sophistry, and  
talk about the advance of hu-  
manity and liberal thought,  
when it is nothing after all but  
a preference for individual li-  
cence.—REV. JOHN HALL.